5/20/66 Philippe de Bausset or Paris-Match, according to Michel Anfrol, of the French Broadcasting Syatsem, is reading the book and is interested

Tony Howard will give a copy of the book and speak to him about it Sunday. He hasn't heard from or spoken to Lippmann.

After many, many calls over the past months, got through to Izzy Stone, who said he wasn't interested and was busy with his Vietnam book. He said he was thoroughly "bored with the whole Warren business" and with Lane's which he apparently had read. I suggested that Lane was not the end and that there might be other things involved, such as Earl Warren and assassins running free. He finally agreed to take a quick look at the appended materials and the last chapter and I left a copy for him at his newsstand.

Clayton Fritchey, of Newsday, was "too busy" to do anything with the book, which I had left for him and he apparently had at least glanced at. Newsday will not, in his opinion, touch the subject.

AFP moved a story, or the correspondent who shares the office did.

Heffernan, chief of Reuters: they did nothing because the US press didn't. When I asked the man at the desk, like news editor, if this was not an effective mechanism for suppression and an odd standard for news judgement he remained silent.

Dallas Times-Herald, Kinch, No. 2 in off. Mrs. Mayer (pronounced Meyer) spent five hours in one day checking my book against original material, which they have in office. He thinks little chance, but we spent a long time talking about it.

Priestland at BBC had an attitude that went farthur than Reuters. He also pointed out the news of major interest in Britain that was breaking, strike, Rodesia, etc.

Post- Dan Kurzman going to DR for two weeks. Busy day. Larry Stern said they would do story, would credit me and book, would not use my material in any way more than as in review without paying for it, that they were assigning three reporters to story and they would go to Archives. I am to get mircofilm, for which they will pay, and they will print copies for them and me. Dick Harwood will read book over weekend. Hee sees no point in repeating me. I told Stern I had located two doctors in area and suggested we begin with a talk because I had already given much thought to what next. As of then they had not decided to serialize book, had not decided against it, and in Stern's opinion, at that moment the attitude was negative. He gave no reason but inferred it was adjectives, sarcasm. I said that was a matter for blue pencil and he agreed. He understands I am free to make deal elsewhere but that I'd prefer them and he knows why - approach etc. Told him of and read Lane's letter to Dan. Apparently thinking I had some fears, Stern said I now had a solid and powerful friend "right here", pointing to newsroom floor. Willens had been "evasive" according to Dan. Stern was too busy for us to talk long at one moment. He reported Willen's apprehensions over Epstein book, fearing it might in fact seek to make him the goat. Apparently those who spoke to Epstein, at least for the most part, thought he was but a student working on his doctorate. Some, as Stern reported it, of the more conservative side, appear to have opened confidential files to him and to have attempted to pin the rap on the liberal side. I told Stern I thought my book, now more than ever, was the best mechanism for bringing the truth out and in perspective, that I'd be glad to talk to Willens of he so desired, that I'd talk with him on or off the record, that I'd make a tape of not as he saw fit, and would give it to him if he desired. He gave Willens the book to read over the weekend and indicated Willens indicated he might not get it done. I also told Stern because I had strung along with them so long, although I'd not turn down a good offer, I'd do what I could to get them to decide affirmatively and there might be some means I could use.